

Main Street Reisterstown Program

Minutes

Location/Date: Reter's Crabhouse, Reisterstown - August 26, 2013

Attendees: Amy Mantay, Mary Molinaro, Calvin Reter, Irwin Kramer, Pat Brooks, Colleen Brady, Glenn Barnes, Vicki Almond, Susan Ingram, Dan Carey, Vivian McCarthy, Karen Saab, Dana Stein, Terry Chaney, Brad Reter

Amy started the meeting with the committees' reports:

Mary said that the **organization committee** had to cancel the planned meeting last week but did exchange information via emails to move forward with the budget planning process to be ready for the application process for Main Street MD when that becomes available. She said they have been getting volunteers to help and setup at the Main Street information booth providing information during performances and will continue for the last two. We also need to find volunteers for the Corn Roast Festival October 12th from 1pm-6pm. Please let Mary know if you will attending and can volunteer some time at the booth.

Paul was not at the meeting and Amy said the **economic restructuring committee** met last Monday and are waiting for the final review by the county on the letter which will be on County letterhead and signed by Amy and Paul. It will be sent with the brochure which has been reprinted correcting any typo errors to the property owners in the identified Historic District. She expects the mailing will happen this week. After the mailing there will be some targeted visits by the committee to answer any questions.

Amy said that the **promotion committee** will be working on the "Fall in Love with Reisterstown" campaign and then the "holiday" programs. They are looking towards encouraging businesses to have sidewalk sales around any events, trick or treating from 2-4pm on the Saturday before Halloween (Oct. 26th) and Terry Reising and Peter Kirks are looking to have an historic walk along Main Street. A suggestion was made to have places along Main Street with street musicians playing to make it more festive and continue the theme of Music on Main Street into the Fall. Amy mentioned the Holly Fest activity at RUMC and the November Luminary event at the cemetery. Sacred Heart School has a Saturday-Sunday holiday event.

Irwin said that the **design committee** is in a holding pattern waiting for the SHA report and the county is talking amongst themselves about the next steps they will take to send a report to the state asking for funding on projects and we hope to be a priority on the list. Tony Baysmore told Irwin that he thought we would get the SHA report from Erin Kuhn sooner than later. Dana offered to make inquiries and provide any help to move it along. Irwin told Dana that Erin Kuhn is the primary contact. He also told Dana that for all projects (southern gateway, northern gateway, and intersection at Cockeys Mill Road) are estimated around \$15M. Irwin didn't have high hopes for the results of the SHA report because there was a speed slowing sign put at the turn just before they started the survey and removed just after it was completed. He feels that a safety justification will be the only way to get approval for funding. Many people told stories of speeding problems and dangerous situations along Main Street, bad signage for crosswalks so people don't stop for people trying to cross there. Mary asked about the sustainability application. Amy said the application is complete and just working it's way through the various steps in the county system and she believes it is scheduled for September or October to be on the County Council's agenda.

Dan said that the **clean, safe, and green committee** is planning for the next cleanup which will be to follow the parade, September 7th. He hopes many people will participate and told them to meet near Dunkin' Donuts around 8:30am or 9am. We will be having a Music on Main Street concert the night before and he would appreciate volunteers there as well. The Explorers have been helping although last week they had an event and were unable to help. Mary said that she was speaking with Bill Yurick at the Cemetery Clean Up on Sunday and he is looking for projects for the Boy Scouts and the Eagle Scouts are high school age. Vicki will be the Master of Ceremonies and would like the fall calendar by then so she can announce Main Street Events when there are breaks between the parade participants.

Glenn gave an update on Music on Main Street and said it has been quite a success. Calvin said that a couple of concerts ago he was sure there were 1,000 people there. Last Friday even with the conflict of the Orioles game honoring Gene Kirchner there were at least 300 people. Glenn said that everyone approached him saying what a wonderful thing these concerts were for Reisterstown. People are bringing groups (birthday party groups, singles groups, etc.) At the end of the night when everyone leaves there are still several groups left chatting enjoying each other's company. Vicki said that some people told her they bring their backgammon and scrabble games to play while the music is playing. Children are playing and using the hoola hoops, a terrific family experience. A suggestion was made to have the final concert on Saturday (October 26th) after the trick or treating. Glenn will need to check with the bank for availability.

Pat Brooks shared a brochure she got from Sykesville and thought it was a nice mix of activities and town history. This is one of the Main Street MD communities and one of the things that impressed her were all the Free Parking signs along the street which made it very inviting to stop and shop or browse.

Summer events

Clean-ups –September 7th , 9am – 11am.

Following parade

The Gathering – Pending

Music on Main Street –June 21st – August 23rd 7- 9:30pm

Lawn at Franklin Middle School - 2 concerts left due to rain events

July 12th concert has been rescheduled to September 6th

Farmers Market –Sundays, June 2nd to October 6th 10am-2pm

358-360 Main Street

Mary said she set up a Main Street information table on Sunday and stayed for about a half hour before going to help at the cemetery cleanup event. She then returned for the last half hour to take down the table. Kim and her ex-husband helped hand out literature during the event. The cemetery committee has been meeting each weekend sorting and cleaning bricks and can use help whenever anyone has time, just go to the cemetery Saturday morning with hammer, chisel, and protective eyewear. There seems to be a group of people who look for the specific, unique items at the Reisterstown Farmers Market on Sundays and Farmer Tom's vegetable stand on Cockeys Mill Road is open every day.

Besides the wall, Steve Mays from Carroll Tree volunteered to cut down the tree(s) adjacent to the wall which are causing problems and endangering the wall. That will probably happen in October after Farmer Tom closes and moves his vegetable stand. Mary said that Ben Zonis from Handyman on

Call was working on clearing his back property in preparation for his meeting with code enforcement and zoning this week and used his equipment to help move a large rock and donated the palate of 100 year old bricks that he removed from his building when he renovated to the cemetery to use on the wall.

Calendar of Events/Promotions

Need September events by August 15

Mary asked Amy to have the brochures ready and any other handouts because everything in the bag is now outdated and she recycled it.

Facebook/website (on-going)

Over 440 friends view our Facebook posts! Double the number we had in May
There was some discussion about all the places we need to post events and discussion

Facebook has Reisterstown Main Street as well as an open group called Reisterstown MD with 555 followers.

Reisterstown Improvement Association now has their new website

www.reisterstownimprovementassociation.com

Baltimore County has a place on their website for Reisterstown information

www.baltimorecountymd.gov/go/reisterstown

Colleen said that she is always posting events on the ROMG Chamber website

www.romgchamber.com

The next meeting will be held at Reter's Crabhouse, Monday, Sept. 9 , 2013 at 10am.